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Interactive Scene

With Interactive Scene, putting together interactive presentations is quick and easy. Communicate your message in an attractive and easy-to-update way.

User's Guide

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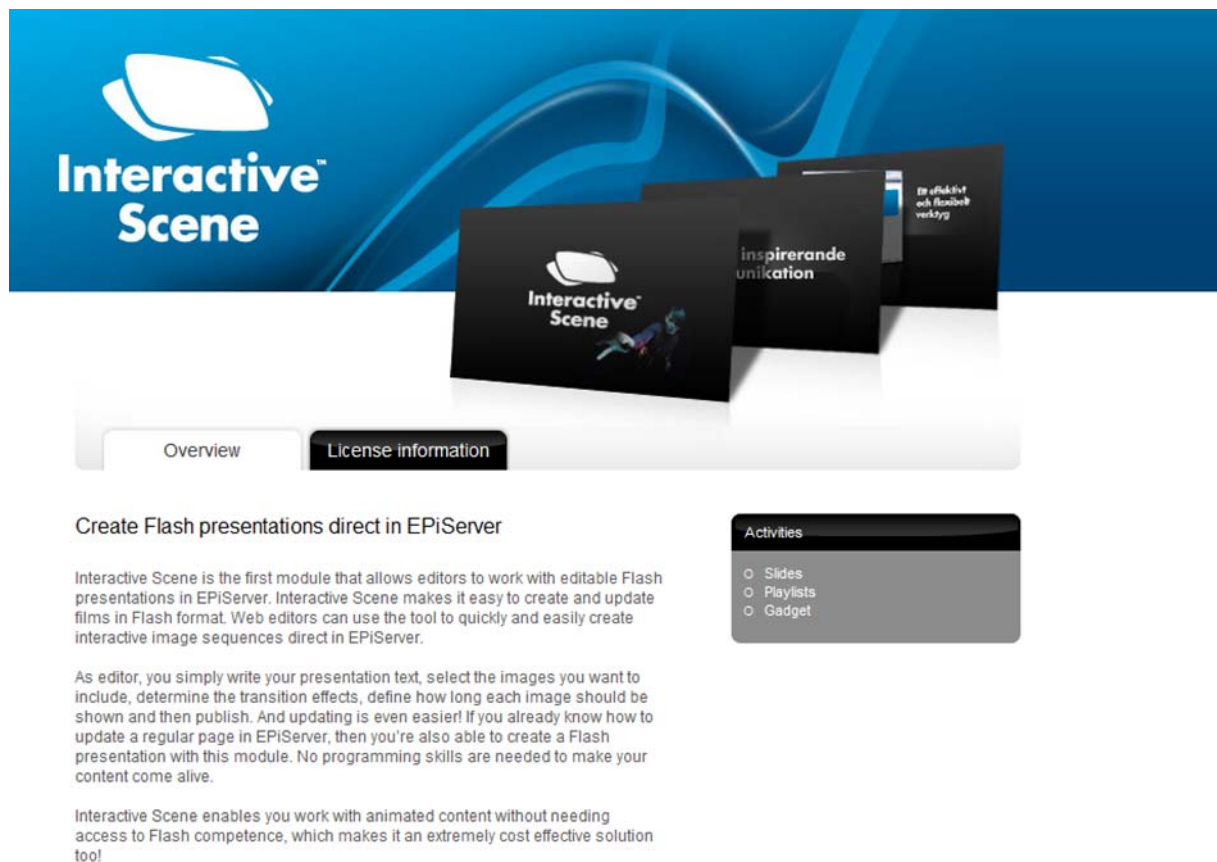
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Interactive Scene



Create Flash presentations direct in EPiServer

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As editor, you simply write your presentation text, select the images you want to include, determine the transition effects, define how long each image should be shown and then publish. And updating is even easier! If you already know how to update a regular page in EPiServer, then you're also able to create a Flash presentation with this module. No programming skills are needed to make your content come alive.

Interactive Scene enables you work with animated content without needing access to Flash competence, which makes it an extremely cost effective solution too!

Activities

- Slides
- Playlists
- Gadget

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Glossary

Below are definitions of frequently occurring words or phrases in the manual

Slide container

A slide container is a grouping of individual slides that may consist of slides and/or other slide containers. This is used to organize your slides and create a better slide overview.

Playlist

A playlist contains one or more slides that are shown in a predetermined order with defined transitions. The visitor experiences the playlist as a traditional Flash film.

Slide

Slides (containing text and images or film) can be created in a playlist. As more slides are created, or is linked to the playlist, they are played up one after the other. The slide contains pre-defined protocols set by the editor determining how long each image is shown as well as in and out effects.

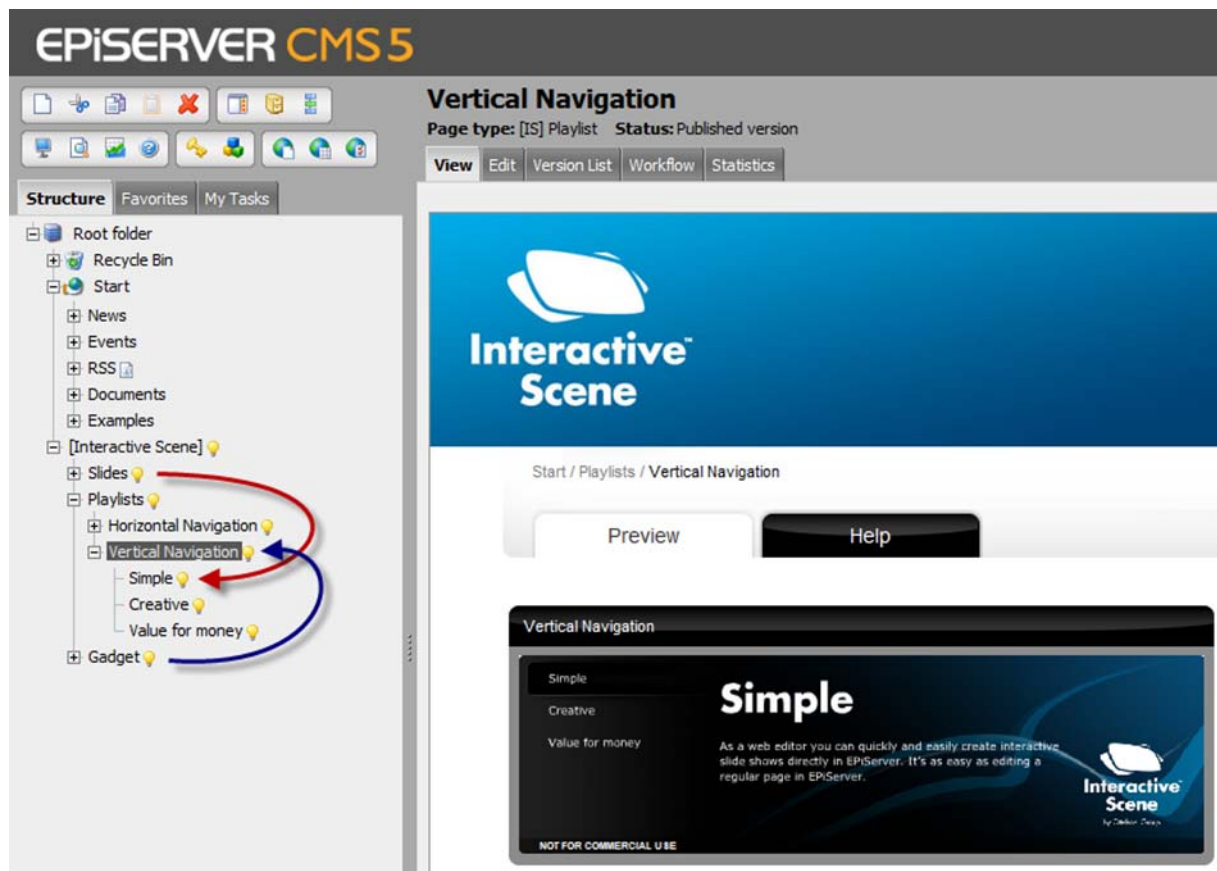
Gadget

A gadget is a little application that lives its own life and is placed over the playlist. A gadget might for example be a clock that shows the time, a logotype placed in the lower right-hand corner or a more advanced function such as an RSS feed that provides the latest news.

Gadget container

A gadget container is a grouping of individual gadgets that may contain gadgets and/or other gadget containers.

Interactive Scene work flow



Creating slides

When one or more slide pages are created in a playlist, or a general slide is created under Slides and linked to the playlist (red arrow), they can be played. Images and texts can be added, changed or later deleted. Defining how images and text are rendered to the page, how long they are shown and how they transition off the page is easy.

Slide flow

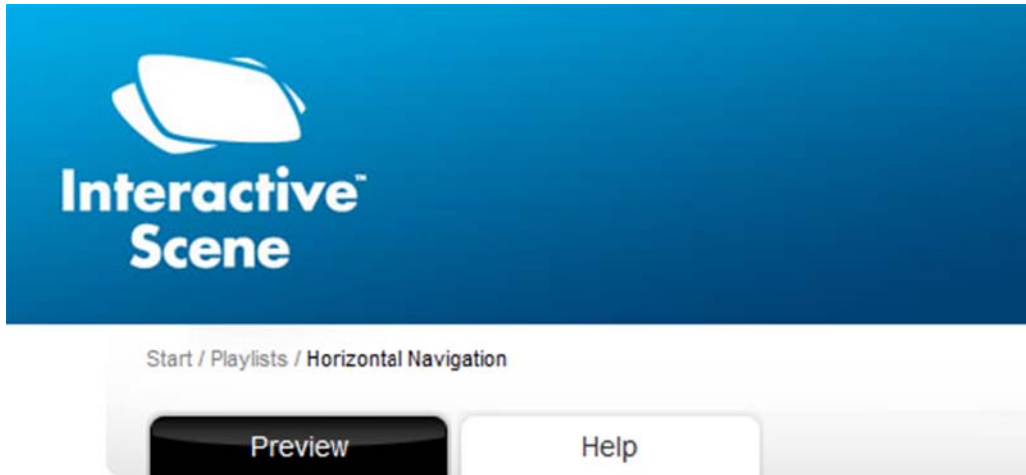
Pages are set in a loop, so that the same pages are shown over and over again, or are shown once, stopping at the last page. You can also add a link in the text, which can ideally be positioned at the end of the series on the last still page.

Adding gadget

Gadgets can be added on top of a playlist (blue arrow). They are completely independent of the pages that are visible underneath and remain at the same position. Gadgets vary in appearance and behave in different ways depending on their function. For example, a gadget might be a navigation menu (where users themselves can navigate between two different pages) or an information box (green boxes in the image above) with each one linked to a certain page on the website.

Help pages

Help is available on each page. Choose between "Preview" – to see how the page will look when published, and "Help" – showing what can be written in to the different fields on the page.



Under the "Preview" tab you can see the playlist as it will be seen from the visitor's perspective with the information that has been provided. In the box to the right details about the slide are shown.

To edit playlist settings click on the "Edit" tab.

Below are the settings for a playlist.

Name

This is the name of the playlist and is used to identify the playlist. A useful tip is to give each playlist a descriptive name such as "Start page".

Width of the film in pixels

Here you enter the Flash film's width in pixels.

Height of the film in pixels

Here you enter the Flash film's height in pixels.

Option to prevent playlist from playing automatically

Check this box if you don't want the playlist to start playing automatically when the page is downloaded. This is useful when you use a gadget to change slide pages.

License

To be able to use Interactive Scene you are required to have an EPiServer module license. If you don't have a license please contact the Ottoboni Group.

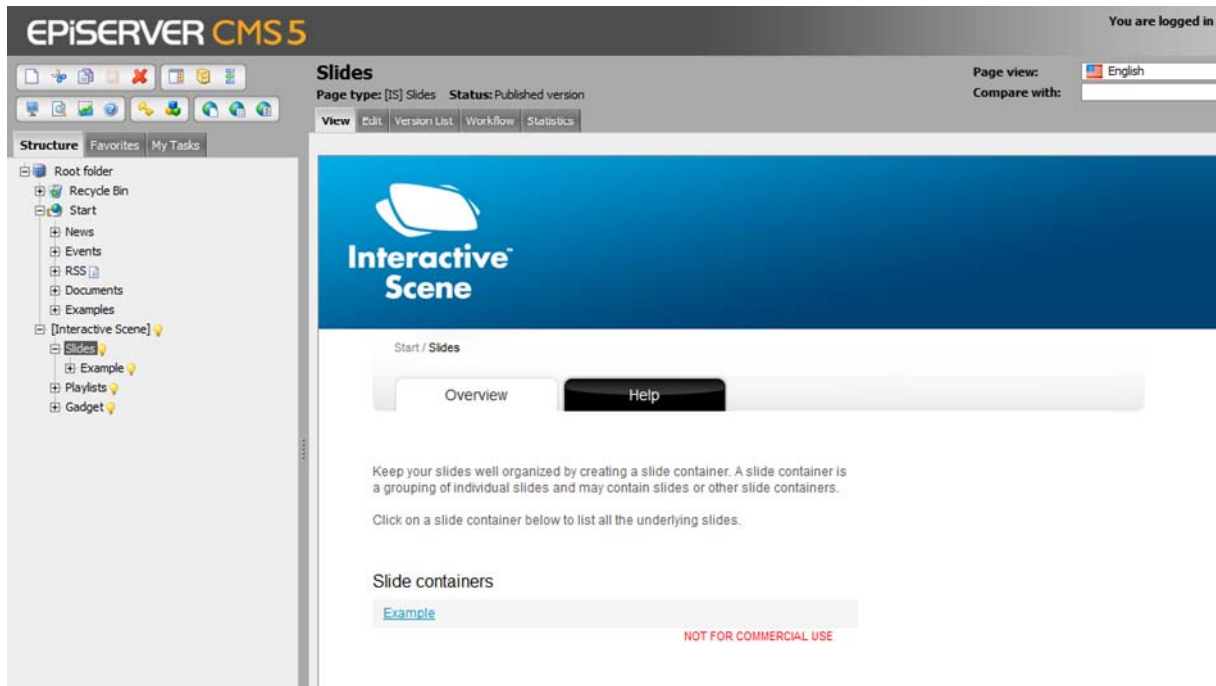


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License information

License name	InteractiveScene
License ID	7 -7
Licensed to person	Kalle Ljung
Licensed to company	Ottoboni Group
Restriction	Restricted to MAC-address 00-1D-09-41-AA-42 Restricted to non-commercial use Restricted to use before 6/17/2009 8:29:31 AM Restricted to version 1.0-1.99

Slides



All slides are created in the same way. However, they can be placed at different places in the structure. You can create a slide page directly under a playlist and in part under (general) slides, which are then linked to playlists. The structure of each page is determined by the editor. Below we provide examples of how structure can be utilized for different types of slide pages. As editor, you work with a slide in the same way as you work with any other EPiServer page.

General slides under Slides

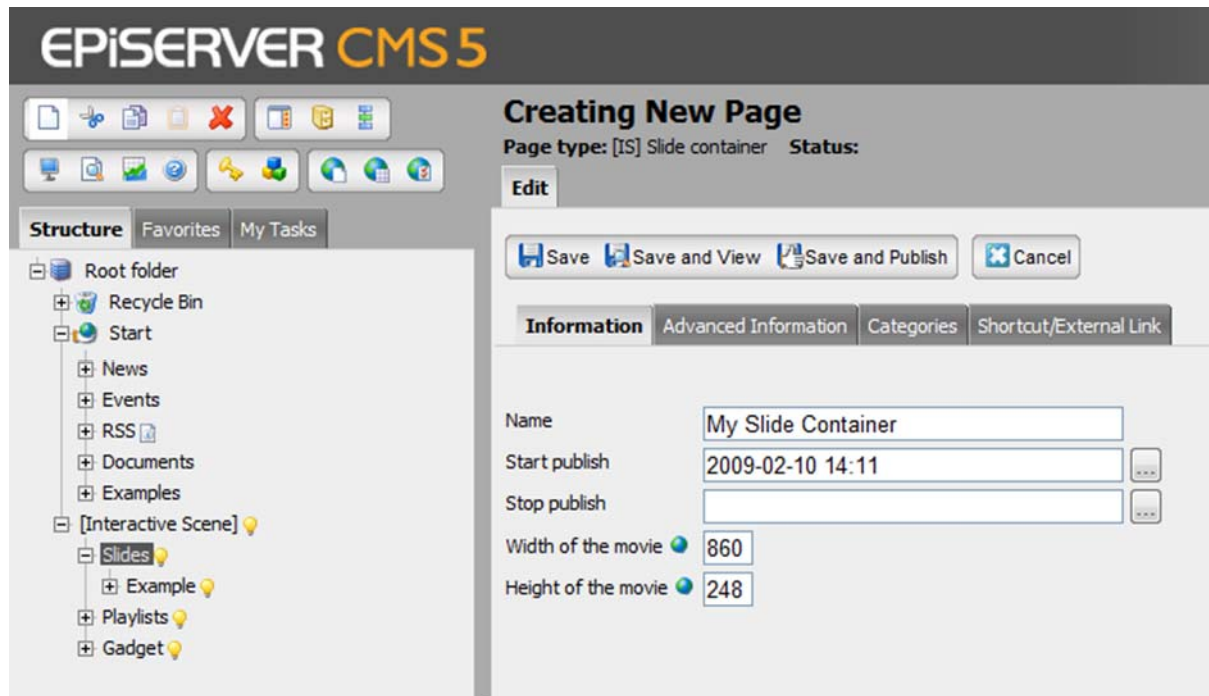
Under slides, a more general type of slide page can be created and reused. First you have to create a slide container (see page 9) and then all the slide pages (see page 10) that are needed. These might for example be slides with general reusable images, on which only the text will change for future use. These slides are then linked to Playlists.

Specific slides under Playlists

Under Playlists (see page 11) slides are created with specially selected images and texts for a specific purpose. First a playlist is created and then all the pages that are to be contained in the playlist.

Slide containers

Keep your slides well organized by creating a slide container. A slide container is a grouping of individual slides and may contain slides or other slide containers.

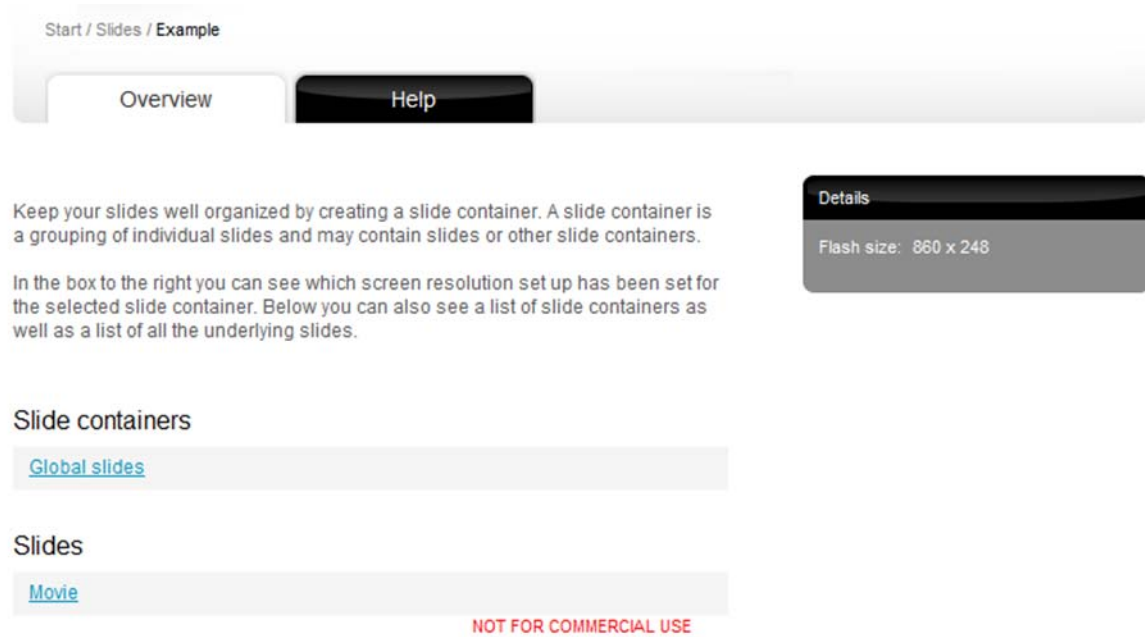


Creating new slide containers

1. Mark the slide page or an existing slide container (See example in the image above)
2. Select "Create a new page".
3. A new slide container is automatically created. (If the marked page is an existing slide container, choose the slide "Interactive Scene - Slide container".
4. Name the slide container and fill in the size of the Flash film.
5. Select "Save" or "Save and publish".

For each slide container you can set a screen resolution in pixels that corresponds to the resolution of the screen on which your finished playlist will be played. This preference is provided for the sole purpose of ensuring that the preview is as correct as possible.

In the box to the right of the image below you can see which screen resolution set up has been set for the selected slide container. On the same page you can also see a list of slide containers as well as a list of all the underlying slides.



Creating a new slide

1. Mark a slide container.
2. Select "Create new page" and choose one of the slides.
3. Name the slide and fill in the various information fields for the slide. The number of fields to be filled in varies from slide to slide, see details for the different slides below.
4. Click on "Save" or "Save and publish".

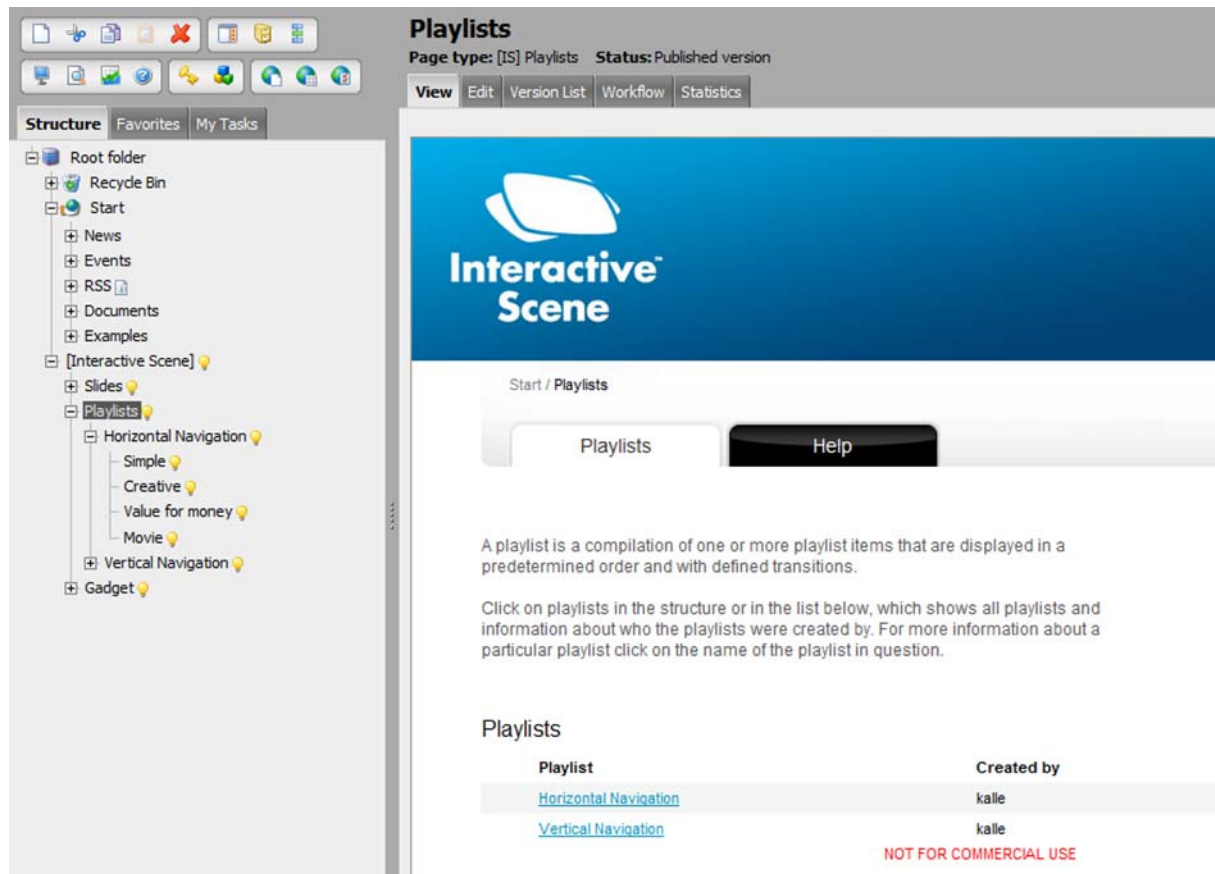
You can always go back to an earlier version of the slide via EPiServer's version list.

The slide is used to place text above an image or Flash film. As editor, you can determine the text's size, color, font and placement.

Playlists

A playlist is a compilation of one or more playlist items that are displayed in a predetermined order and with defined transitions.

Click on playlists in the structure or in the list below, which shows all playlists and information about who the playlists were created by. For more information about a particular playlist click on the name of the playlist in question.



Playlists
Page type: [IS] Playlists Status: Published version

View Edit Version List Workflow Statistics

Structure Favorites My Tasks

Root folder
Recycle Bin
Start
News
Events
RSS
Documents
Examples
[Interactive Scene]
Slides
Playlists
Horizontal Navigation
Simple
Creative
Value for money
Movie
Vertical Navigation
Gadget

Interactive Scene

Start / Playlists

Playlists Help

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Playlists

Playlist	Created by
Horizontal Navigation	kalle
Vertical Navigation	kalle

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Creating a new playlist

1. Mark the page "play lists".
2. Select "Create a new page".
3. A new playlist is created automatically.
4. Fill in the slide as below.
5. Select "Save and view" or "Save and publish".

Background image for the playlist

You can select a background image or Flash film for a playlist. This background is displayed when the playlist is started as well as during transitions between the different playlist items.

Gadget 1-4

Each playlist handles up to four gadgets and these are selected via the different fields.

Alternative Flash content

This is content that is shown if the visitor does not have Flash installed or has the wrong version of Flash.

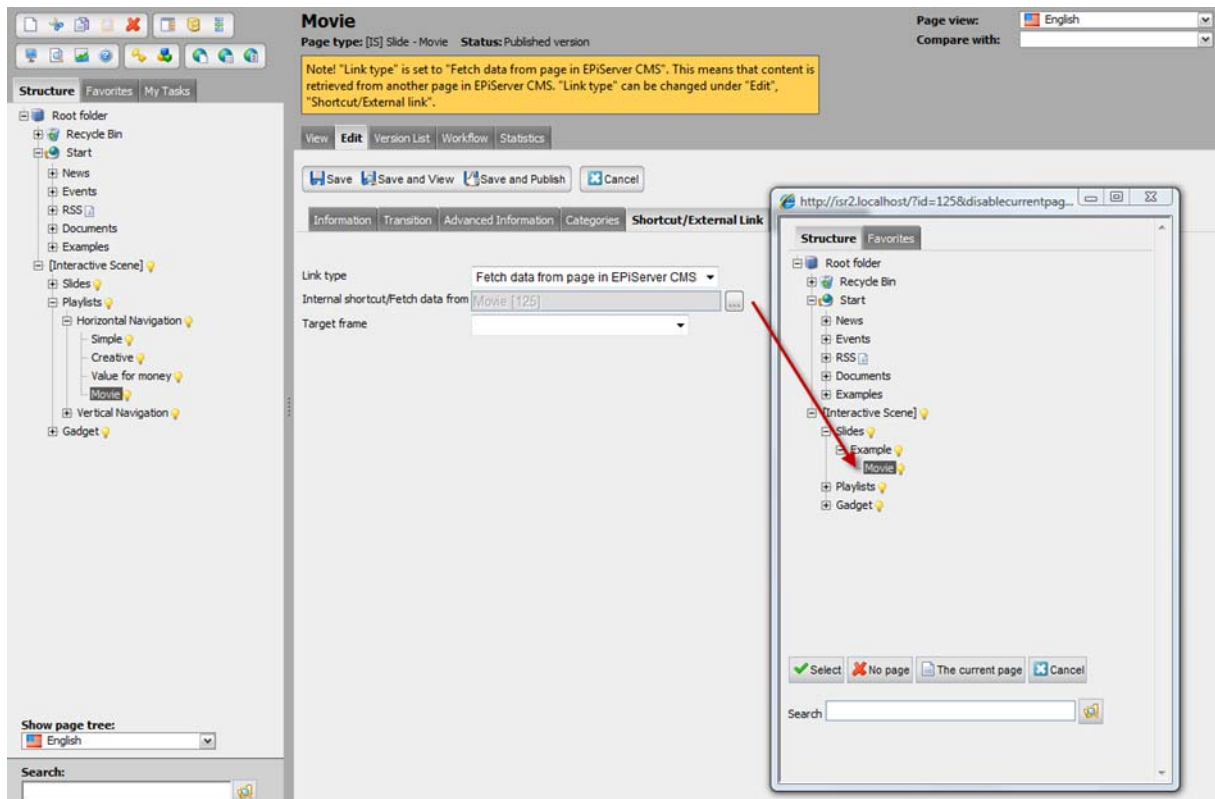
Create a new slide under a playlist

1. Mark a playlist that hierarchically lies under playlists.
2. Select "Create new page" and choose one of the slides.
3. Name the slide and fill in the various information fields for the slide. The number of fields to be filled in varies from slide to slide, see details for the different slides below.
4. Select "Save and view" or "Save and publish".



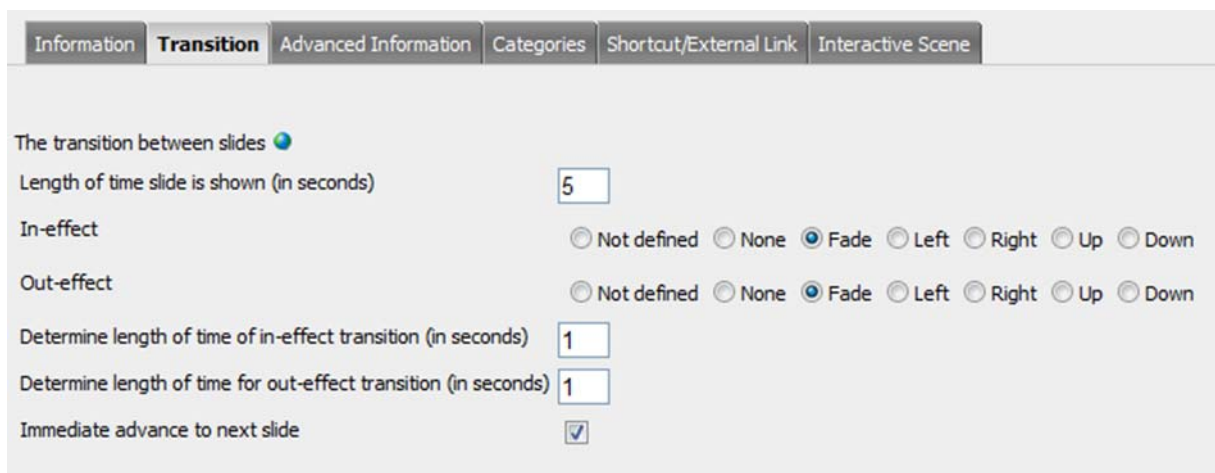
Link a slide page to a playlist

1. Create a new page as described above (or select an existing slide under the "Edit" tab).
2. The fields that need to be filled in on the page under the "Information" tab are the same as those described in the slide section on page 11. Only fill in the "Name" field here. The rest of the fields can be left empty in this case.
3. Click on the tab "Shortcut/External link".
4. Select the option "Fetch data from page in EPiServer CMS".
5. Click on the button to the right of the field "Internal shortcut/Import data from".
6. Mark the slides that you want to link in and click on "Select".
7. The target frame field can be left empty (shown in the same window).
8. Select "Save and view" or "Save and publish".



Transitions

Here you define how text and images are rendered to the page and how long they remain on the page.



Define how long a slide page is shown

Enter the number of seconds you want the slide page to be shown. If the value is set at 0 then the page does not change automatically. (With the help of a gadget for example, the page change can be done manually).

In-effect

Define transition effects for the incoming slide.

Out-effect

Define transition effects for the exiting slide.

Determine length of time for rendering the in-effect transition

Enter length of time in seconds for rendering the transition of the incoming slide.

Determine length of time for rendering the out-effect transition ‘

Enter length of time in seconds for rendering the transition of the exiting slide.

Immediate advance to next slide

The next slide is not normally rendered until the current slide has disappeared from the screen. By checking this box, the next slide will be shown behind the current slide as it exits the screen.

Advanced information

Under the tab “Advanced information” the properties to fine-tune slides are found. The number of fields to be filled in varies from slide to slide. See slide details.

Simple
Page type: [IS] Slide - Text Status: Published version

View Edit Version List Workflow Statistics

Save Save and View Save and Publish Cancel

Information Transition **Advanced Information** Categories Shortcut/External Link Interactive Scene

Display page in menus ☒

Created 2009-02-10 08:44

Sort order According to creation date (latest first)

Sort index 10

Archive to page

Simple address for this page

Page name in Web address Simple

Headline width 550

Headline padding top 20

Headline padding left/right 65

Sub headline width 550

Sub headline padding top 0

Sub headline padding left/right 65

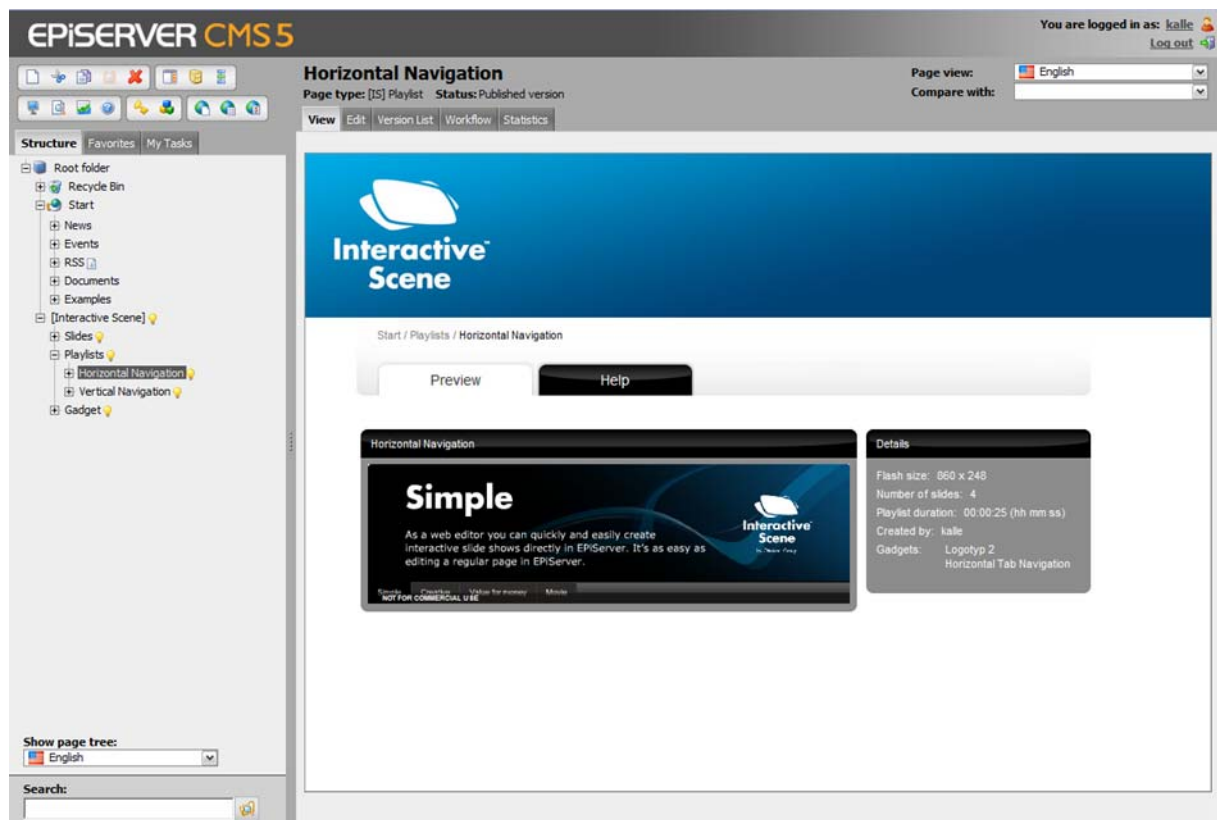
Body width 550

Body padding top 10

Body padding left/right 65

The values start from the upper left-hand corner. For example, a top margin of 0 means that the text will end up at the top of the page

Previewing playlists



Under the “Preview” tab you can see the playlist as it will be seen from the visitor's perspective with the information that has been provided. In the box to the right details about the slide are shown.

To edit playlist settings click on the “Edit” tab.

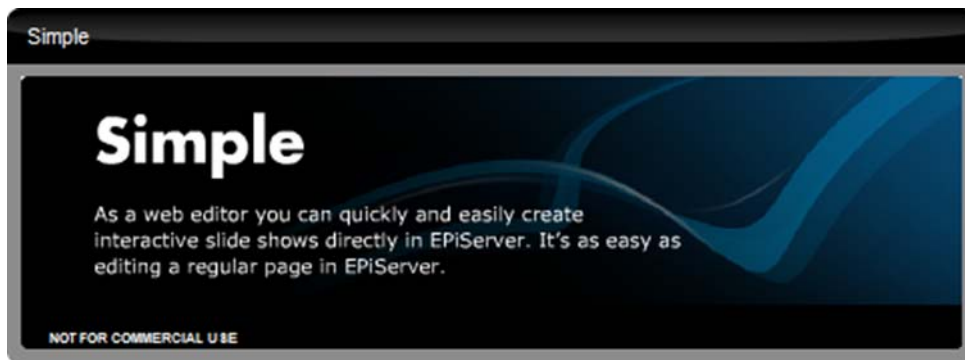


Templates for playlists

When a slide is created for a playlist you can choose between different types of slides depending on the type of information you wish to present. Standard slides are described below in detail. Remember, however, that there may be project-specific slides that are not explained below.

Slide - text

This slide is used to present text images and is a very flexible slide. You can either lay the text over the image or only show the image without the text. A third option is to show the text without the image. Use this slide if you want to create a slide show with alternating images, in this case leaving out the fields for heading and content.



Information

The screenshot shows the 'Information' tab of a web editor. The interface includes several tabs: Information, Transition, Advanced Information, Categories, Shortcut/External Link, and Interactive Scene. The 'Information' tab is active, displaying various configuration fields for a slide. The fields include: Name (Simple), Start publish (2009-02-10 08:44), Stop publish, Mark page as changed (checkbox), Subject (Simple), Subject style (Futura Book, size 55, Left, Bold), Sub headline, Sub headline style (Left, Regular, #000000), Main content (a text area with placeholder text), and Main content style (Verdana, size 18, Left, Regular). A color picker is open over the Sub headline style field, showing a grid of colors and tabs for RGB, Named colors, and Color slider.

Heading

This is the main slide heading and is placed at the top of the slide. You determine the font size, color and alignment of the text.

Mini subheading

A mini subheading is a heading that is placed under the main heading. You determine the font size, color and alignment of the text.

Content

This is the main content of the slide and is placed under the main heading or sub heading. You determine the font size, color and alignment of the text.

Background image or Flash file

This is an image or Flash file that is linked in and appears behind the text. Click on the button to the right to select file.

Link to a page when you click on a slide

A website that visitors will end up at when they click on a slide, the slide can be internal or external.

Text formatting

Text formatting is possible for all content. As editor, you can change font, font size, alignment and style.

Advanced

Settings to format slides in more detail are found under the Advanced tab. You can adjust the width, top, left and right margins for each content field.

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Information' tab of a content management system. The interface includes several tabs: 'Information', 'Transition', 'Advanced Information' (selected), 'Categories', 'Shortcut/External Link', and 'Interactive Scene'. The 'Advanced Information' section contains the following settings:

- Display page in menus**: ☒
- Created**: 2009-02-10 08:44
- Sort order**: According to creation date (latest first)
- Sort index**: 10
- Archive to page**: [Empty field]
- Simple address for this page**: [Empty field]
- Page name in Web address**: Simple
- Headline width**: 550
- Headline padding top**: 20
- Headline padding left/right**: 65
- Sub headline width**: 550
- Sub headline padding top**: 0
- Sub headline padding left/right**: 65
- Body width**: 550
- Body padding top**: 10
- Body padding left/right**: 65

A red rectangular box highlights the layout settings section, which includes 'Headline width', 'Headline padding top', 'Headline padding left/right', 'Sub headline width', 'Sub headline padding top', 'Sub headline padding left/right', 'Body width', 'Body padding top', and 'Body padding left/right'.

Slide - Film

This slide is used to present a film in flv or swf format.



Information

Information	Transition	Advanced Information	Categories	Shortcut/External Link	Interactive Scene
Name	<input type="text" value="Movie"/>				
Start publish	<input type="text" value="2009-02-10 08:43"/>				<input type="button" value="..."/>
Stop publish	<input type="text"/>				<input type="button" value="..."/>
Mark page as changed	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Movie to play (flv or swf)	<input type="text" value="/Global/InteractiveScene/Demo/Movies/IS_"/>				<input type="button" value="..."/>
Target url when clicking on the slide	<input type="text"/>				<input type="button" value="..."/>

Format to be played (flv or swf)

This is a flash film which is presented in a slide. The format can either be Flash-video (flv) or swf* format.

Link to a page when you click on a slide

A website that visitors will end up at when they click on a slide, the slide can be internal or external.

Gadget

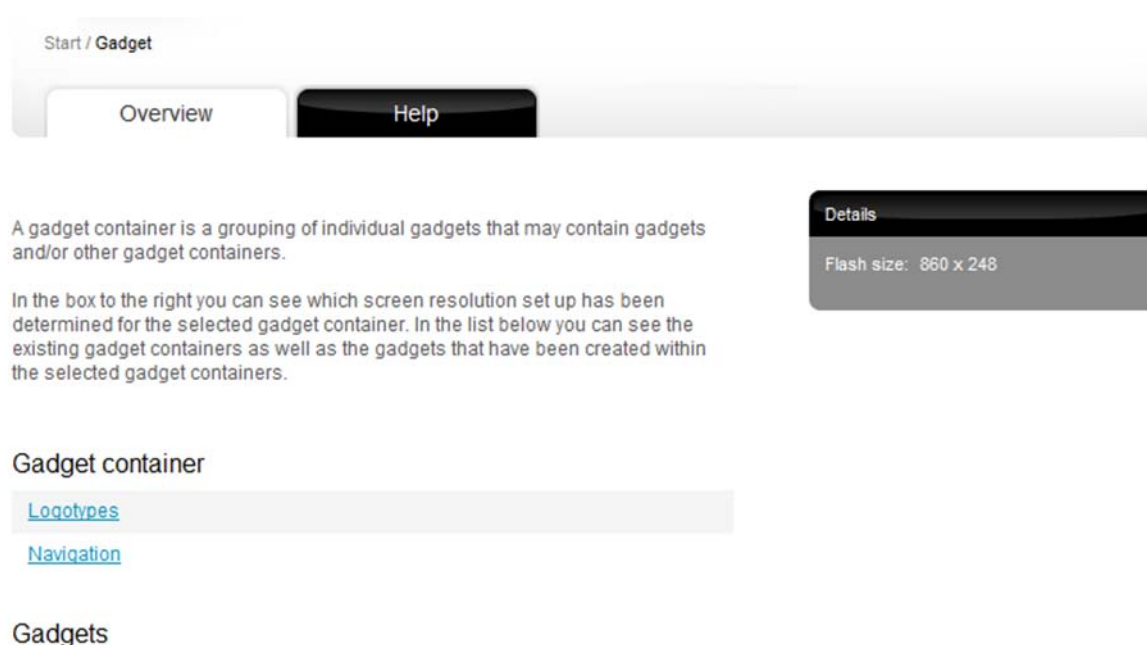
A gadget is a little application that lives its own life and is placed over the playlist. A gadget can for example be a clock that shows the time, a logotype placed in the lower right-hand corner or a more advanced function such as an RSS feed that provides the latest news.

Gadget container

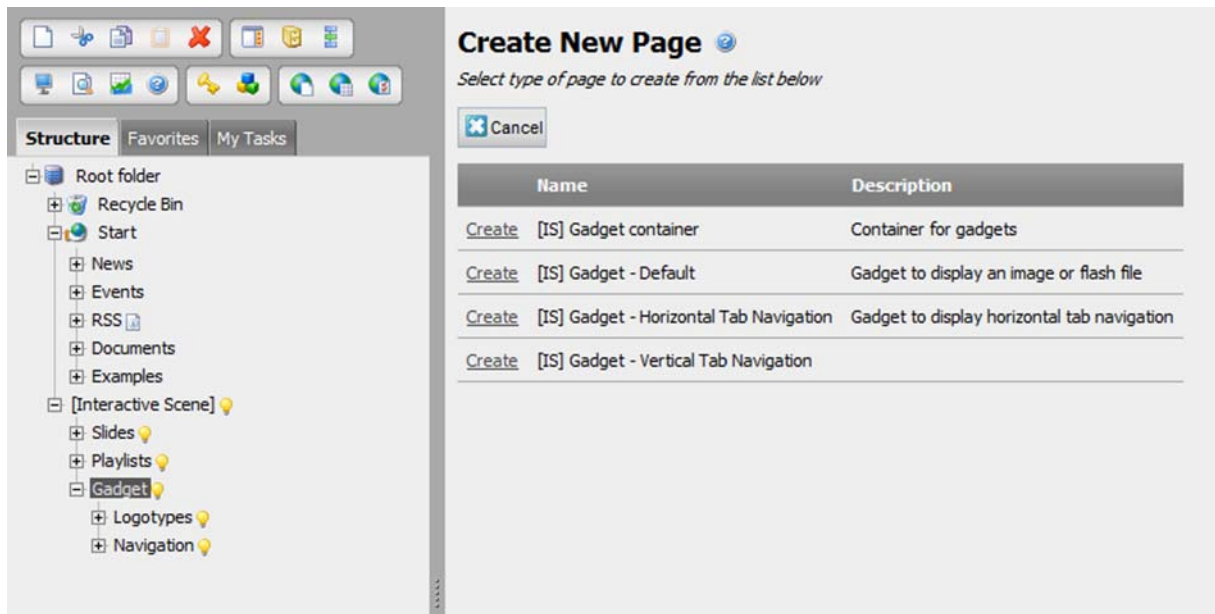
A gadget container is a grouping of individual gadgets that may contain gadgets and/or other gadget containers.

In the box to the right (see below) you can see which screen resolution set up has been determined for the selected gadget container. In the list on the same page you can see the existing gadget containers as well as the gadgets that have been created within the selected gadget containers.

A gadget container contains set up preferences for film size. These preferences are provided to ensure that the preview is as correct as possible.



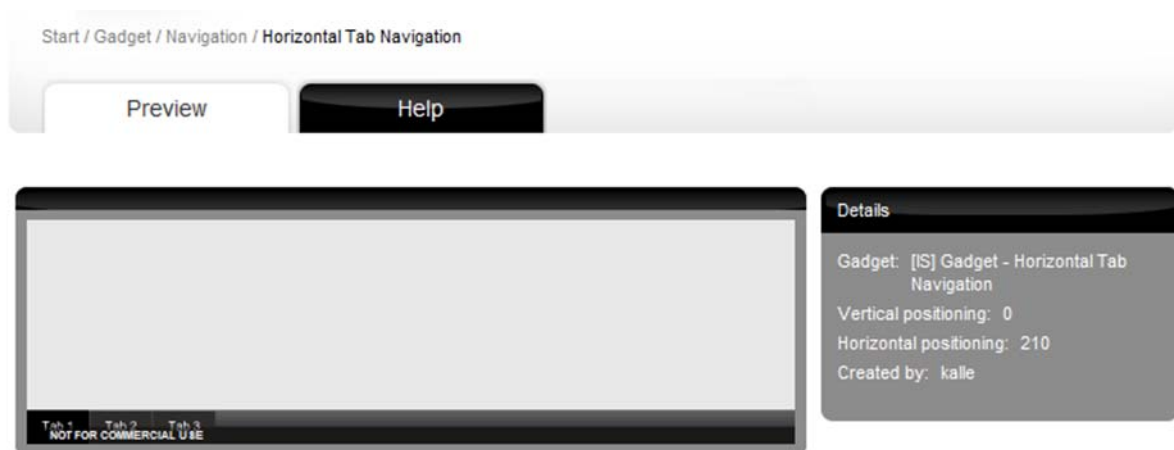
Creating a new gadget



1. Mark gadget in the structure, a gadget container or an underlying page.
2. Select "Create a new page".
3. Select the type of gadget you want to use.
4. Name the gadget and fill in the rest of the information fields, the number of which varies from gadget to gadget.
5. Select "Save and view" or "Save and publish".

You can always return to an earlier version of the slide via EPiServer's version list.

Previewing Gadget



Click on the page that has been created (the tab "Preview" automatically becomes active) to see a preview. The gadget will be shown from the visitor's perspective, above the slide show, with the information provided.

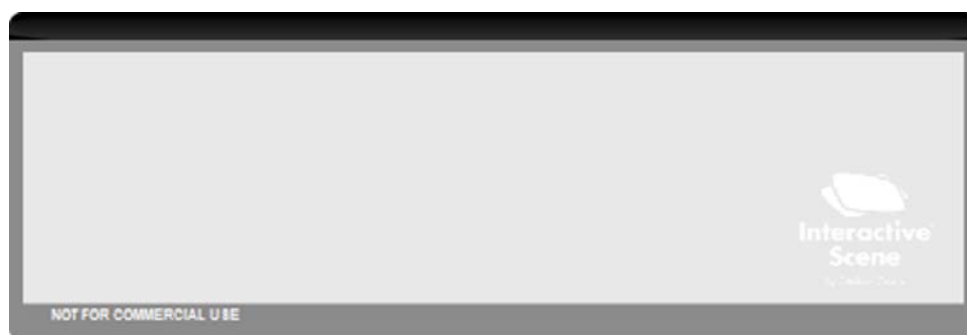
Templates for gadgets

When you want to create a gadget you can choose between a number of different templates. If several gadgets are being shown on a page at the same time a template must be created for each gadget. These are placed in turn in the gadget container.

Standard gadgets are described in detail below. Remember, however, that there may be project-specific slides that are not explained below.

Gadget – Standard

A standard gadget is used to show a picture or a Flash file



Information

Name	<input type="text" value="Logotyp 1"/>	
Start publish	<input type="text" value="2009-02-10 08:36"/>	...
Stop publish	<input type="text"/>	...
Mark page as changed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vertical position	<input type="text" value="710"/>	
Horizontal position	<input type="text" value="110"/>	
Image or flash file	<input type="text" value="/Global/InteractiveScene/Demo/Gadget/IS"/>	...

Vertical positioning

Define vertical positioning of the gadget in pixels using the upper left-hand corner as a starting point.

Horizontal positioning

Define horizontal positioning of the gadget in pixels using the upper-left hand corner as a starting point.

Play image or Flash file

Here you select the image or Flash file that you want to play. Click on the button to the right of the field to select file.

Gadget - Horizontal Tab Navigation

Tab navigation is a gadget that enables manual navigation between pages. This is useful in cases where a Flash surface is created where the visitor can interact with the Flash (for example choosing which slide should be shown with the page name 1, page name 2 and page name 3).

When this gadget is added to the playlist (see page 11) Tab 1 is exchanged for the page name 1, Tab 2 for the page name 2, etc.

In order to change slide pages manually using a navigation gadget instead of automatically, click on the playlist under the tab "Edit" and click the box "Do not play playlist automatically". Furthermore the field "How long should the slide be shown" should be set to 0. The settings field is located on the page directly under the playlist, under the "Transition" tab.



Information

Information	Advanced Information	Categories	Shortcut/External Link	Interactive Scene
Name	Horizontal Tab Navigation			
Start publish	2009-02-10 08:39			
Stop publish				
Mark page as changed	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Vertical position	0			
Horizontal position	210			
Height of the clickable tab	40			
Background image for the navigation	/Global/InteractiveScene/Demo/Gadget/Ho ...			
Image for the active tab	/Global/InteractiveScene/Demo/Gadget/Ho ...			
Image for the inactive tab	/Global/InteractiveScene/Demo/Gadget/Ho ...			
Image between tabs	/Global/InteractiveScene/Demo/Gadget/Ho ...			
Default text formatting	Arial 14 Left Regular <input type="text"/>			
Left margin for tab item	15			
Right margin for tab item	15			
Hover text formatting	Arial 14 Left Regular #C0C0C0			
Selected text formatting	Arial 14 Left Regular <input type="text"/>			
Vertical align	Top			
Horizontal align	Left			

Vertical positioning

Define vertical positioning of the gadget in pixels, starting at the upper left-hand corner.

Horizontal positioning

Define horizontal positioning of the gadget in pixels, starting at the upper left-hand corner.

Height of navigation area

Define the height of the clickable surface that is equivalent to tabs

Background image for the navigation area

This is an image that functions as a background for the navigation area. The image is repeated over the entire area and is ideally a small image with few pixels.

Active tab image

This is an image that functions as a background for active tabs. The image is repeated over the entire tab and is ideally a small image with few pixels.

Inactive tab image

This is an image that functions as a background for inactive tabs. The image is repeated over the entire inactive tab and is ideally a small image with few pixels.

Image between tabs

An image shown between tabs to make a demarcation.

Text formatting for tabs

Standard text formatting applies to tabs.

Left-hand margin for tabs

Left-hand margin for text in the tab.

Right-hand margin for tabs

Right-hand margin for text in the tab.

Text formatting for when the mouse is over the tab

Formatting of the text shown when the mouse is over the tab.

Text formatting when the tab is active

Formatting of text in the tab when the tab is active.

Vertical alignment

Vertical alignment of the tabs

Horizontal alignment

Horizontal alignment of the tabs

Advanced

Settings to format gadgets in more detail are found under the Advanced tab. You can adjust the width between the tabs as well as the margins.

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Information' tab of a web interface. The settings are as follows:

- Display page in menus: ☒
- Created: 2009-02-10 08:39
- Sort order: According to creation date (latest first)
- Sort index: 100
- Archive to page: ☐
- Simple address for this page:
- Page name in Web address: Horizontal-Tab-Navigation
- Width between tabs: 0
- Top margin for the gadget: 0
- Left margin for the gadget: 0
- Right margin for the gadget: 0
- Bottom margin for the gadget: 0

The last five settings (Width between tabs, Top margin, Left margin, Right margin, and Bottom margin) are highlighted with a red box.

Gadget - Vertical Tab Navigation

Tab navigation is a gadget that enables manual navigation between pages. This is useful in cases where a Flash surface is created where the visitor can interact with the Flash (for example choosing which slide should be shown with the page name 1, page name 2 and page name 3).

When this gadget is added to the playlist (see page 12) Tab 1 is exchanged for the page name 1, Tab 2 for the page name 2, etc.

In order to change slide pages manually using the navigation gadget instead of automatically, click on the playlist under the tab "Edit" and click the box "Do not play playlist automatically". Furthermore the field "How long should the slide be shown" should be set to 0. The settings field is located on the page directly under the playlist, under the "Transition" tab.



Information

Information	Advanced Information	Categories	Shortcut/External Link	Interactive Scene
Name	Vertical Tab Navigation			
Start publish	2009-02-10 08:37			...
Stop publish				...
Mark page as changed	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Vertical position	0			
Horizontal position	0			
Width of the clickable tab	210			
Height of the clickable tab	40			
Background image for the navigation				...
Image for the active tab	/Global/InteractiveScene/Demo/Gadget/Ve			...
Image for the inactive tab				...
Image between tabs				...
Default text formatting	Verdana 14 Left Regular <input type="text"/>			
Left margin for tab item	25			
Right margin for tab item	0			
Hover text formatting	Verdana 14 Left Regular #A9A9A9			
Selected text formatting	Verdana 14 Left Regular <input type="text"/>			
Vertical align	Top			
Horizontal align	Left			

Vertical positioning

Define vertical positioning of the gadget in pixels, starting at the upper left-hand corner.

Horizontal positioning

Define horizontal positioning of the gadget in pixels, starting at the upper left-hand corner.

Width of the navigation area

Define the width of the clickable area that is equivalent to the tabs.

Height of navigation area

Define the height of the clickable area that is equivalent to tabs

Background image for the navigation area

This is an image that functions as a background for the navigation surface. The image is repeated over the entire area and is ideally a small image with few pixels.

Active tab image

This is an image that functions as a background for active tabs. The image is repeated over the entire tab and is ideally a small image with few pixels.

Inactive tab image

This is an image that functions as a background for inactive tabs. The image is repeated over the entire inactive tab and is ideally a small image with few pixels.

Image between tabs

An image shown between tabs as a demarcation.

Text formatting for tabs

Standard text formatting applies to tabs.

Left-hand margin for tabs

Left-hand margin for text in the tab.

Right-hand margin for tabs

Right-hand margin for text in the tab.

Text formatting for when the mouse is over the tab

Formatting of the text shown when the mouse is over the tab.

Text formatting when the tab is active

Formatting of text in the tab when the tab is active.

Vertical alignment

Vertical alignment of tabs

Horizontal alignment

Horizontal alignment of tabs

Advanced

Settings to format gadgets in more detail are found under the Advanced tab. You can adjust the width between the tabs as well as the margins.

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Information' tab in a configuration interface. The settings are as follows:

Setting	Value
Display page in menus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Created	2009-02-10 08:37
Sort order	According to creation date (latest first)
Sort index	100
Archive to page	
Simple address for this page	
Page name in Web address	Vertical-Tab-Navigation
Height between tabs	0
Top margin for the gadget	10
Left margin for the gadget	10
Right margin for the gadget	0
Bottom margin for the gadget	0

A red box highlights the 'Height between tabs' and 'margin for the gadget' settings.